THE THEATER IN NEW YORK

Annie Russell as Lady Teazle-"The Arcadians" a Pretty London Conceit-Another Play of Paris Life.

seance in the evening. The boss of the spook show invited me to call for any antagonism. dead one whom I wished to take control of the medium. "Richard Brinsley Sheridan," said I.

"The spirit of Sheridan is here," said the medium; "question him."

"Sheridan," I asked, very respectfully, 'do you approve the stage representation of your great work that I saw to-day?' For a moment the medium was thoughtfully silent; then she replied: "Gen. Sheridan says that if you refer to the dramatization of 'Sheridan's Ride' in the play called 'Shenandoah,' it would hardly be modest for him to express an opin-

Baffled thus in a quest of authoritative judgment, I can at least tell you easily how Annie Russell enacts Lady Teazle, which is precisely as she did Elaine and Esmeralda thirty years ago - gently, evenly, winsomely. Her banter with Sir Peter is quizzical, tantalizing, but never stingingly waspish. As to Grace George, the other Lady Teazle, did you see her in "Divorce?" She is like that in "The School for Scandal"-crisper and brisker than Miss Russell, with touches of saucy impudence, but with no likeness to the Teazle bride we have known.

Sheridan created Lady Teazle in the image of a tall and portly actress of his time, and that first personation fixed the physical form of her ladyship for a century and a third. No matter which of the embodiments he encounters in his ghostly visits to our dramatic art temple. gentle Annie or sweet Grace, he doesn't see the buxom lass described by Sir Peter as jogging heavily to market on the back of old horse Dobbin, but a slim woman of young girlish shape and carriage. He discerns in the Mrs. Candour, though, a Lady Teazle of the corporeal type that has been so long the standard, for I suppose he used to haunt Wallack's, where for many years Rose Coghlan posed for the only accepted American portrait. With her beauty not damaged unreasonably and her mellifluous voice still strong, Rose stands aside and sees a radical change wrought by two ac-

Some Comparisons.

Sheridan has been prepared for the alteration of his heroine by a seventeenyear-old Marie Lohr playing her with

couldn't do anything like Rose Coghlan lesson used to. They are very charmingly weak, coo-voiced, and calm-mannered, and the directory at the New Theater knew bethey got in an innovatory Lady Teazle. sonate Sebert, an example of very sin-

subscribers' boxes were occupied by par- his absurd generosity is not the lesson. would be tabooed now in even "smart

The Arcadians Naive.

Moulan and Cadman start in a beautiful Frise, is the lesson mentioned. Arcadia, where she is a lovely native Frise can't stand it. He goes into a and he a comic visitor in an airship, combat with Sebert. Knives are their while Knight and Sanderson are not seen | weapons. Frise falls. Gosseline throws until the action is transported to Lon- herself on his body. The guide tells the don. The first act is ideally Arcadian, lord and his companions to get away with shepherd boys and girls so pure before the police can nab them. They that they don't know what's a lie and so fly in a panic. And the lesson to tourgraceful in their gambols that they ists? Oh, they don't get it. But the New make moving pictures of surpassing love- York audience does. For as the curtain

away and fantastic, that it takes a from Gosseline to the bartender and Sebravo rounder to invite one of those bert to the guide, are dividing the cash sylphides to a supper after the show. An proceeds of the fake tragedy. hour of beauty in Arcadia is enough, though, and a total change comes with a race course near London. Frank Moulan and Ethel Cadman are under headway already as English aeronaut and an Aralready as English aeronaut and an Arcadian girl who undertake to introduce primitive truth and simplicity into England. They encounter Percy Knight, a horse jockey, and Julia Sanderson, a devotee of the turf. Knight is a droll chap with a permanent frog in his throat and the temperament of a born humorist.

The play triumphs with its witticism. and it is a contest with Knight and Moulan which shall get the more laughter with his lines; but Knight, being a new funny man, comes out ahead. As a jeckey who in twenty years hasn't rid. den a winning horse, and an acute sufferer from dietary rigors to keep down his weight, his talk has hardly ever a January 31, 8 P. M. s-ntence without a joke appealing to sportsmen, and this persiflage has passed immediately into the diction of the sport-

Similarly, the English Ethel Cadman is more keenly relished as a novelty than the familiar Julia Sanderson. The best asset in the foreigner is a young, fresh, lovely voice with which to sing many tuneful songs, and she is a comely girl, too. The American isn't so fine a vocalist, but she's a far better dancer, and prettier. So there you are with one girl

incited to their most strenuous work by page.

The contrast between a dance of shepdoesn't unbalance the show, for the turf ring Robert Dempster. girls, with their smart gowns and knowing airs, are as sightly as the others, circling back of the parquet-thus facing starred in this latest adaptation. the audience with their glasses following the imaginary horses and their excitement rising to a wild turbulence—is high

art in stage spectacle. A Drama of Paris Underworld.

A drama of Paris below the pavement s "My Girl," and by way of a surprise it teaches a lesson to American tourists. of Byron and Langdon, a vaudeville team, ladies go to see vicious diversions of social outcasts. They have a guide who tells them that the men they find eating, drinking, and singing at the tables are street wants a drink, but hasn't a coin, in a new George Edwardes musical play. and when the bartender would turn her out my lord treats her, also the whole assemblage that applauds him. Then, bad brandy, he pays a wine price for the her original role, that of Toinette. worse than worthless beverage. He becomes a silly spender. But that's not the lesson to tourists.

Mollon, has been imported to make her many years ago, she appeared in a numa lank, lithe, serpentine siren, with arms ber of important productions, always and shoulders gleaming white out of a playing speaking parts. Of recent years, deviled. Will she drink? He pays a ing. dozen prices for it. Will she smoke? She takes a cigarette from him and keeps tresses whom Wallack would have cast his lap and he makes a tryst with a liberal payment on account. He becomes Fires of Fate," and has decided to shelve a tipsy old fool. But that's not the les-

The lord's ladies are quicker than he Beerbohm Tree in London. I saw the a pale fellow who looks like a degenerate bolster up that weak and unconvincing Tree production last summer, and I think student from the Latin Quarter—and she last act was the whole trouble. Sheridan agrees that, while in all other goes nervously to sit on the table where respects it was perfection, the too young he lolls over his absinthe. How interestgirl did nothing whatever with the role, ing! The lord struts up in his chair and ter Emerson Browne, author of "A Fool loftily pooh-poohs the ladies' fear that There Was," was tried out by the Belas-It is not like that with Miss George he may get into danger. All watch the co Theater Stock Company at Los Anand Miss Russell. They are distinct and girl as she tries to pacify her lover, who geles on January 17. certain in making Lady Teazle a teazer glowers sullenly. The lord again pays of Sir Peter, a pesterer, too, but not for wine rates for flavored wood alcohol to one moment a vixen. Of course, they appease the lover. Yet that's not the Jimmy Valentine," the new Paul Arm-

Hypnotic Influence Again, Sebert comes down into the under-

what | vestre is the actor brought here to per-But does Sheridan like it? I guess so. gular Parislan ruffianism—the physically the rights for the production of Fritzi Still, he may be a stickler for tradition. dominant man who possesses also a Scheff's famous success, "Mile. Modiste," Beerbohm Tree doesn't make Sir Peter hypnotic sort of control over his girl and and have purchased the entire production old or testy, but a rather good-tempered makes her a pitiable slave to his magman of fifty, and so does Charles Calvert netic power. The guide explains that to here; but if he were old John Gilbert, my lord's slummers and bids them watch the title role, and the production will be with his old comedy ebullitions of furious and wait. Sebert lives on the shame of rage, Annie and Grace would be scared Gosseline. What's she got for him? She to submission before the play was half meekly empties her stockings. The sum Miss George has gone off touring and street to get more. She says no one is to "Die Forster-Christ'I" (Christ'l, the Miss Russell is announced officially as out in the storm that's raging. He Forester's Daughter), the three-act operthe New Theater's Lady Teazle while the chokes and strikes her, slams her down etta by Bernard Buchbinder, with music play is kept in the repertoire. I have on the table, and threatens still worse by Georg Jarno. The libretto is taken been in matinee audiences for both that abuse. My lord slips a five-pound note from a true event which happened in the were considerably juvenile. Many of the into her hand for her master. However, year 1764 in Austria. The Shuberts will ties of children. The growing sons and You may have seen-and anyhow you their Broadway houses, daughters of New York wealth, there- have read - my accounts of Apache fore, are getting a new conception of dances. Here we have it elaborately. Sheridan's quarreling couple. They are The mollified Sebert takes the floor with seeing the play mounted more artfully Gosseline for a waltz. "Now," says the most tactless Christmas gift ever prethan ever I have before. Moreover, they are hearing it spoken word for word as You're mighty lucky." The man first waste basket." written, although some of the unexpurgated language of the ladies and gentle- hands and kisses her mouth savagely; whereat she seems to go under his hypnotic spell, and passively, obediently, dazedly she circles around the room with him. Then he lets her loose to his arms' It isn't likely that any one of the five length and jerks her back violently to London makers of "The Arcadians" cal- his breast, drops her backward till her culated the value of the two competitions head almost touches the floor, flings her that it engenders in New York. Did out till her feet are level with his shoul-Charles Frohman count on it? I wouldn't ders, and, finally, in bestlal fury throws say so. Yet the play's instant boom of her from him with such force that she success is helped much by the vim and slides twenty feet on her face. She has made to Daniel Frohman that he will play in which Arthur Bourchier appeared. verve of Percival Knight, English, ver- crawls back and clings to him, not only sus Frank Moulan, American, and of with her arms around his neck, but also Ethel Cadman and Julia Sanderson, simi- with her legs around his waist. Not advantages are given to those pairs, yet to Sebert, while she normally loves Grace George went on tour, has been New York immediately after the opening.

goes down on this remarkable hour-long So naive are the Arcadians, so far play in vaudeville the cafe's operators,

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The opening date of the Shubert Theater in Boston has been set forward owing to the fact that the building is not yet completed. Sothern and Marlowe in repertoire will be the first attraction.

The latest city to add editorial indorsement to Mary Mannering's new success, 'A Man's World," is Denver, where the Post published a double-column leader discussing her play and its problem. This New York, Jan. 21.-After seeing "The singing for all the melody she's worth, has been the case also in many cities, School for Scandal" at the New Theater the other dancing for all the grace that's Detroit being among the first, where the in the afternoon I went to a spiritualistic in her, and both, like Moulan and Knight, Journal devoted a column on its editorial

> Clara Louise Burham has written a play herds in a calm forest glade and the called "The Right Princess." The Shucommotion of a crowd on a race course berts are reading it with a view to star-

The Shuberts will soon bring out the and the view of them as they watch a new drama, "A Revolutionary Wedding." race that, presumably, is run on a track It is understoood that Nazimova will be

> William Schroeder, who has written all of the music for Lulu Glaser's play, "One of the Boys," is but twenty-one years of age. Edith Ellis Baker Furness is said to have discovered him.

The Shuberts have asked for the release The place is a cellar cafe where an Eng- from their contract with William Morris. lish lord, another gentleman, and two If the arrangement can be made Byron and Langdon will be seen in "Dick Whittington."

Ernest Lambert, now with "Havana," outlaws to whom the girls are sweet- has been telling his Chicago friends that hearts. It is a juxtaposition of slum- upon the conclusion of the tour of this mers and scummers. A girl from the piece he will appear at the London Galety

of "The Belle of Brittany" when that too, when he orders champagne for his play left New York for a road tour, is to own party, and has to be content with rejoin the company, playing, of course,

ing the title role in "Dick Whittington," Gosseline comes down into the cellar has the distinction of having played in resort. She is a rakish derelict on the three different countries. She originally sea of vice. A French actress, Edna came from France where, not a great black gown. Her saucy head has short however, Miss Guerite has been known yellow hair, and red poppies give another as a dancer. She came to America at dash of color. The lord, old enough to the age of two years and made her debut behave better, flirts with her, She speaks in "Little Lord Fauntieroy." playing the in French-accented English, sings a song "Lord." It was after this that she rein her native language, and he is be- turned to Paris, where she took up danc-

> Louise Gunning's tour in "Marcelle" has come to an end.

Charles Frohman has withdrawn "The the play for the balance of the season.

"The Next of Kin" failed to make an to perceive that Gosseline has a jealous impression upon New Yorkers, and the lover, Frise, keen-eyed to her behavior- play has been withdrawn. Failure to

"The Spendthrift," a new play, by Por-

There is a safe-opening scene in "Alias strong play, which is declared to be the most natural exposition of the "peterman's" art ever shown outside of an acground place of revelry. Galveston Syl- tual bank burglary.

of scenery and costumes. A prominent sent on tour the coming season

doesn't please him. He orders her to"the have just acquired the American rights produce this piece immediately at one of

sented to a young playwright. It was a

Nance O'Nell, of "The Lily," is being feted by New York society folk. They find her good to look at and listen to. She looks as though a Greek statue had was awarded a judgment of \$1,237. suddenly vivified and taken upon itself human habiliments, and she talks in the calmly measured way of one who has not gotten New York's two-step gait of feet and tongue.

Much is being made in theatrical circles attend the Actors' Fund fair next spring.

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A phonographic connection between the auditorium and the manager's office at the Metropolitan Opera House has been made, so that either Mr. Dippel or Mr. Allen can hear the opera of the night without leaving his desk.

Mrs. Leslie Carter has lost the suit brought by Mrs. Hermann, a costumer, for refusal to pay the bill for costumes for La Tosca, Du Barry, and Camille, on the ground that they were not made according to specifications. Mrs. Hermann

William Archer, the London critic, has been sued for libel by Alfred Butt, the manager of the Palace Theater, for sayng that the Palace audience was com posed of "bookmakers and candidates for the divorce court." The comments were

Annie Russell, who has been playing don for the opening of Charles Frohlarly foreign and domestic. Nearly equal even the girl's abnormal yield of herself Lady Teazle at the New Theater since man's Repertoire Theater, returning to

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